(b) The accommodation for ladies in 311/314 passenger trains has been augmented to a full second class coach from 19-7-1985.

Firing by Pakistan in Siachen Glacier

189. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ:

SHRI J. P. GOYAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over the last one year or so Pakistan has been continuously firing over the Indian positions in Siachen Glacier and of late there has been heavy deployment of Pakistani troops in the area;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the number of casualties suffered on the Indian side and the steps taken by the Government of India in the matter; and

(c) whether Government have lodged any protest with the Government of Pakistan in this regard; if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b) There have been some incidents of firing and attempts by Pakistani troops to dislodge our troops from positions in the Siachen Glacier area. These incidents have resulted in some casualties on both sides.

(c) The matter has been taken up with Pakistan on a number of occasions.

Central Schools in the Country

190. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Central schools in the country and the number of students studying therein;

(b) how many Central schools are presently functioning in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(c) whether in view of the popularity of such schools, the demand for opening more schools has increased; if so, whether there is any proposal to open more schools in the Jammu region?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) 496 Kendriya Vidyalayas (Central Schools) were functioning in the country as on 30-4-1985. Information regarding the number of students studying in these schools is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha as soon as possibe.

(b) Fifteen.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Demand of Power by the Jammu and Kashmir Government

191 SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) how much power from the Central grid and other resources at present is being given to Jammu and Kashmir to meet its power shortage; and

(b) how much power the State had demanded from the Centre?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) At present, on an average 0.21 million units